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**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

No.F.14(1-9)-DHE/Stip/19

Dated, Agartala, the 12th November, 2023.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, use of Aadhaar as an identity document for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplify the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency, efficiency and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly in a convenient and seamless manner by obviating the need to produce multiple documents to prove one's identity;

AND

Whereas, the Higher Education Department, Government of Tripura (*hereinafter referred to as the Department*), is administering the scheme "Dr.Ambedkar Post-Matric Scholarship for Economically Backward Classes(EBC) students" (*hereinafter referred to as the 'Scheme'*) to reward eligible students for pursuing Higher Education within and outside Tripura, which is being implemented through the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Tripura (*hereinafter referred to as the implementing Agency(ies)*);

AND

Whereas, under the Scheme, scholarship or stipend (*hereinafter referred to as the 'benefit'*) is given to the students of Tripura pursuing Technical, General and Professional courses (Diploma ,Degree, Post graduate level courses including, M.Phil, Ph.D, Post Doctoral Research in Medicine(Allopathic,Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance, Administration, Computer Science/Applications, C.A/I.C.W.A.,C.S.,I.C.FA, Post-Doctoral Programmes(D.Litt,D.Sc.etc),Graduate/Post/Graduate courses leading to Degree,Diploma,Certificate in areas like Pharmacy(B.Pharma), Nursing, LLB, BFS, Hotel Management, Mass Communication, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality Management, Commercial Art, Nutrition & Dietetics, Interior Decoration, Financial Services(e.g.Banking, Insurance, Taxation etc) for which entrance qualification is minimum Sr.Secondary(10+2),except aviation related courses, MA/M.Sc/M.Com/M.Ed/M.Pharma, BA/B.Sc/B.Com, All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School(Class X),e.g. Senior Secondary Certificate(class XI and XII) both general and vocational stream, ITI courses,3 year diploma courses in Polytechnics, other para-medical courses like rehabilitation diagnostics) and whose annual family income does not exceed Rs.2,50,000/- and pursuing higher education in recognized Govt. Institutions only (*hereinafter referred to as the 'beneficiaries'*), by the Implementing Agency as per the extant Scheme guidelines;

AND

Whereas, the aforesaid Scheme involves recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of Tripura;

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Now, therefore, in pursuance of the Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) (*hereinafter referred to as the said Act*), the Government of Tripura hereby notifies the following, namely:-

1. (i) An individual eligible for receiving the benefit under the Scheme shall hereby be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.
- (ii) Any individual desirous of availing the benefit under the Scheme, who does not possess the Aadhaar number or has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, shall be required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment subject to the consent of his/her parents or guardian, before registering for the Scheme, provided that he/she is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per section 3 of the said Act and such individual shall visit any Aadhaar enrolment centre (list available at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website www.uidai.gov.in) to get enrolled for Aadhaar.

(iii) As per Regulation-12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the Department through its implementing Agency is required to offer Aadhaar enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries, who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar and in case there is no Aadhaar enrolment centre located in the respective Block or Taluka or Tehsil, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall provide. Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or by becoming a UIDAI Registrar themselves:

Provided that, till the time Aadhaar is assigned to the individual, benefit under the Scheme shall be given to such individual subject to production of the following documents, namely:-

- (a) If he/she has been enrolled, his/her Aadhaar Enrolment Identification slip; and
- (b) Any one of the following documents, namely:-
 - (i) Bank or Post office Passbook with photo; or
 - (ii) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card; or
 - (iii) Passport; or
 - (iv) Ration Card; or
 - (v) Voter Identity Card; or
 - (vi) MGNREGA Card; or
 - (vii) Kishan Photo Passbook; or
 - (viii) Driving license issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988(59 of 1988); or
 - (ix) Certificate of identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tehsilder on an official letter head; or
 - (x) Any other document as specified by the Department:

Provided further that the above documents may be checked by an officer specifically designated by the Department for that purpose.

2. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Scheme conveniently, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall make all the required arrangements to ensure that wide publicity through media shall be given to the beneficiaries to make them aware of the said requirement.

3. In all cases, where Aadhaar authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the beneficiaries or due to any other reason, the following remedial mechanisms shall be adopted, namely :-
- (a) In case of poor fingerprint quality, iris scan or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication, thereby the Department through its Implementing Agency shall make provisions for iris scanners or face authentication along with finger-print authentication for delivery of benefits in seamless manner.
 - (b) In case the bio metric authentication through fingerprints or iris scan or face authentication is not successful, wherever feasible and admissible authentication by Aadhaar One Time Password or Time-based One-Time Password with limited time validity, as the case may be, shall be offered.
 - (c) In all other cases where biometric or Aadhaar One Time Password or Time-based One Time Password authentication is not possible, benefits under the scheme may be given on the basis of physical Aadhaar letter whose authenticity can be verified through the Quick Response code printed on the Aadhaar letter and the necessary arrangement of Quick Response code reader shall be provided at the convenient locations by the Department through its Implementing Agency.
4. In addition to the above, in order to ensure that no bonafide beneficiary under the scheme is deprived of his/her due benefits, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall follow the exception handling mechanism as outlined in the Office Memorandum of DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India dated 19th December 2017.
5. This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

By order of the Governor,

**Signed by Nripendra
Chandra Sharma
Date: 12-11-2023 10:58:26
Reason: Approved**

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Government of Tripura.